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(D) IAEA VIENNA 1953

1. SCIATT MET WITH DR. YOKA ADAR, DIRECTOR FOREIGN RELATIONS,
ISRAEL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION ON APRIL 12. DURING COURSE
OF CONVERSATION ADAR PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
(A) COMMISSIONERS, WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN PRESENT
AS CHAIRMAN, MET LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS DRAFT AGREEMENT PROVIDED
BY REF A. ADAR BELIEVES THERE ARE NO MAJOR ISSUES BUT
IAEC DIRECTOR UZI EILAM HAS SOME "CONCERNS". AS TO EXACTLY
WHAT CONCERNS, ADAR NOT WILLING TO STATE.
HE DID SAY DRAFT AGREEMENT CONSIDERED TO BE MUCH MORE FAVORABLE
THAN ONE IN PAST.

(B) NSSS (NUCLEAR STEAM SUPPLY SYSTEM) SUPPLIERS HAVE
BEEN ASKED TO EXTEND BIDS TO SEPTEMBER 1 WITH NO CHANGE
IN APRIL 1, 1985 OPERATIONAL DATE.

(C) ALTHOUGH INFERRING OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO
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DRAFT AGREEMENT IN NEAR FUTURE, ADAR QUESTIONED EFFECT

ON US, IF THERE WERE FURTHER DELAY WITH ISRAELI AGREEMENT.
SCIATT RESPONDED WITH GIST OF PARA 2 REF A ON DESIRABILITY OF
PROCEEDING IN TANDEM, ETC. ADAR STATED THEY APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR
SYMMETRY IN AGREEMENTS AND WERE SENSITIVE TO POTENTIAL
PROBLEMS IN ELECTION YEAR OF CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW DELAYS.

(D) HE DISCUSSED ISRAELIS CONTINUED INTEREST IN A DUAL
NUCLEAR POWER WATER DESALTING PLANT AND INDICATED DEFINITE
PLANNING FOR THIS TYPE OPERATION WITH SECOND NUCLEAR
POWER FACILITY. IAEC WOULD LIKE TO INCORPORATE WITH FIRST PLANT
BUT ISRAEL ELECTRIC CORP. OBJECTS, ALTHOUGH IF THERE ARE
CONTINUED DELAYS IN CONTRACTING THEN MAY BE POSSIBLE TO
ADD TO FIRST.

(E) ADAR EXPRESSED INTEREST IN US COOPERATION IN
DEVELOPING SEA WATER COOLING TOWER TECHNOLOGY FOR USE
WITH NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. IAEC EVIDENTLY HAS HAD SOME
LIMITED DISCUSSION WITH WESTINGHOUSE AND SOMEONE AT
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. ISRAEL SEES POTENTIAL USE OF THIS
TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS LOCATED ALONG PROPOSED
MEDITERRANEAN/DEAD SEA CANAL (REF B) WHERE FLOW RATE
INSUFFICIENT FOR THROUGH-PUT COOLING. COMMENT: IF SUFFICIENT
US INTEREST THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE PROJECT
FOR NEW BINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL R&D FOUNDATION SUPPORT.

(F) ADAR STATED CONSENSUS NOW THAT THERE IS NO
COASTLINE FAULT AS PREVIOUSLY SUSPECTED BY SOME ISRAELIS,
(SEE REF C) AND EXPRESSED IRRITATION THAT SEVERAL MILLION
DOLLARS AND TIME HAD BEEN SPENT ON BASIS OF VERY
QUESTIONABLE SUSPICIONS. GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY ANALYSIS
WILL BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER.

(G) EKLUND VISIT (REF D) WAS DESCRIBED AS TOURISTIC
WITH NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVICE AND COMMENT.
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